

THE PROTICAL SON :

A

WELCH Preachment,

BY THE

Parson of L L A N G T Y D D R E .

On the RETURN of his

PROTICAL SON.

From these Worts :

— *He went into a far Country, and there
spent his Substance in riotous Living.*

And when he had spent all, &c.

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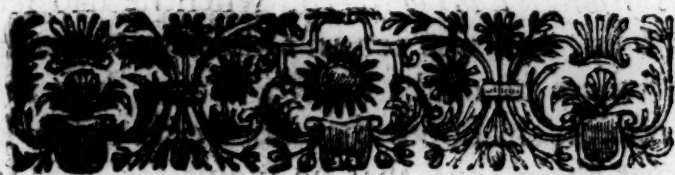
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From these WORDS:

*He took his Journey into a far Country, and
there wasted his Substance in riotous Liv-
ing, &c.*

THE worts of my Text are part
of a parable spoken to the *Jews*,
(a people that lof't to go whor-
ing abroat,) in orte, as I sup-
pose, to persuate them, that after any consi-
derable person of their community had been
to a far country where he shoul't not have
kone,

kone, and had there 'tone things, which he shoul't not have tone, *spent his money in riotous liffing, and so forth*, when he had seen his folly, and was return't akain to the country where he ought to liffe, it was their tuty to rejoyce, in hopes that he woul't neffer ko abroat akain, and that he woul't for effer after do the things that are koot and right.

THIS, my peloved, I take to pe the scope and tefign of the paraple; and therefore I have calt you tokether to rejoyce on this ffery merry occasion, pecause *the lost sheep is fount, my son that was deat is now alive again; he was lost and he is fount.*

AND now, my peloffed, having explain't to you the meaning of this paraple in its fiku-rative fense, I shall next ffew it in its literal fense, as haffing a more immediate relafion to my Protikal, whom ye all know is juft return't from a far country: And in doing this three things are proper to be confiter't, as the fubject of this Preachment:

FIRST, The occasion of the Protikal's ko-ing to a far country: *He had kather't his ALL tokether; that is to fay, he had kot a great pag of money, and like a plokbeat thought it woul't neffer be spent.*

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SECONDLY, The usage he met with in that country; *when he had spent ALL, e'kot, they turn't him into the fielts to feed the swine.* And,

LASTLY, The cause of his return: *He had wastet his supstance in riotous liffing, and bekan to pe in want.*

I. THE occasion of the Protikal's koing to a far country: And that was none at all, e'kot, but his own perfferce disposifhon. He hat a ffery koot phater that had giffen him a kreat teal, had given him a'moft all; and so, my peloffed, have hur peen a ffery koot phater too, as you shall hear: As soon as hur Protikal was pig enough for preeches hur pought him a hoppy-horse to learn him to rite, and as soon as he coult rite hur pought him a *Welch* colt, the finest hur coult puy for money, and shet him a horsepack; then he wanted his rattles, and his trums, his whistle-pipes, and his fly-flappers, a kreat hat, and a long swort, e'kot; and had 'em too—Was'nt hur a koot and indulfhent phater to him?—And now, my peloffed, what do you think he tid when he had kot all these?—Why I will tell you now—He mountet his fine colt with his kreat hat and his long swort, (e'kot he look't ffery fierce) and rote as if the teffel had been at his

his A-se into a great pattle, kot his horse kilt, had a tamm't thump i'the eye,* and look't so foolish as if he had beset his preeches, e'kot. —He was effer an unlucky poy, and had much ato to run away with his life this time.

AND now, my peloffed, having by Kot's provitence escap'd this scowring, he was koot poy a little while ; put so on pekan to pe in want akain—e'kot he was foreffer a-wanting something:—And what do you think he want now, my peloffed? Why I will tell you—he want wife, e'kot. Hur now must look rount hur for wife: Hur tid so; and providet stately, handsome, sprightly young 'oman, and 'oman of koot family too, as any in *Llangtyddre*; 'oman of noble qualities, and excellent understanding, and koot huffily poty too, e'kot; who had refused the pest of offers to accept of young hopeful—he was koot likely lad enough to look at, e'kot:—And so they were marriet; and a ffery promising couple they were:

AND now, my peloffed, when they were marriet, they want settlement: Hur gave them settlement; and they liffed ffery well a koot while, like man and wife, effery now and then quarrel; but she was prutent sensible 'oman, and gave him his own way—e'kot he woult have his own way; a true *Welchman*,

Welchman, tamm't prout and opstinate from his crate.

HE liffed ffery idle, that was the worst of it ; and prought him into a bad hapit. He kot shild after shild, a kreat number, the eldest prave hopeful poy, some say foolish poy, but that's tamm't lie. And as they grew up their mother gave ffery koot instruction ; learnt t'em to write and reat, and cast account—e'kot she cast account ffery well herself—and dit a kreat teal, made and mendet, was ffery notaple and hussifly ; kept ffery koot economy in her family, and set an example worthy the imitashon of all the parishoners of *Llangtyddre* ; but for all that my Protikal want money, want pigger settlement pecaule he hat pigger family, and made tamm't noife till he kot it too. Was'nt hur ffery koot phater now ? But hur Protikal thought hur neffer dit enuff. As soon as he kot a new shilt he want a new pag of money ; and though the mother nurse it, e'kot she want to pe well pait ;—she was ffery frukal ; but a little too coffetous ; los't a kreat many koot things about her, but was ffery saving when she had t'em, e'kot was she ; but my Protikal did'nt care what he squander ; and, like the Protikal in the parable, wanted to have the inheritance diffited ; wanted to have all his porshon, and had it too e'kot.

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AND now my peloffed, being in full possession of all that he was to have, what do you think he dit? why hur will tell you--- He took a kreat pag of money, as much as he coult carry, and, like the protikal in hur text, went with it into a far country, and there spent it in riotous liffing; and when he had done that he come home again for anot'er pag; and so pag after pag, till kuinea began to grow stranger in *Llangtyddre*; so that the poor parishoners were forced to run in debt in order to pay their tythe.

BUT while her protikal was playing these plaguy pranks abroat, the koot 'oman was left to manage what little remain't yet at home; and she took ffery koot care of effery thing, and manage ffery well, and kept ffery koot account; but as fast as she save, he spend, e'kot; and all in that tamm't far country.

AT length, proceeding from one degree of riotous liffing to another, he at last kot wh--re; and then after wallowing in wantonness abroat till his money was kone, he come home tamm't cross to his family; sometimes rave and tare and kick his hat about; and other times confountet sulky, and wcul't not say a wort, but *Money, Money,*

ney, Money; he must and woult have Money.

AND this was the way her protikal went on year after year for a kreat while, e'got; still growing worse and worse, and no hopes of his menting; till at length the koot 'oman quite worn out with care, and smitten with a sore disease in hur powels, she diet, Kot rest hur poty, for she was koot 'oman, and so hur protikal will say now; though, while she liffed, he did'nt prize her so much as he should hafe done.

WHEN she diet the poor people of *Llangtyddre* were all ready to die too, hur protikal being known to hafe such a siolent spirit that no poty now would ffenture to restrain it; but reflection upon what had past, and his kreat krief for the los of his best frient and best counsellor, had a better effect upon him than the people of *Llangtyddre* effer imagined. He was quite tractable koot condishon't creature, e'kot; stay't at home and managet his affairs ffery well; had wh--re inteet, but none but the olt Parson of *Llangtyddre* mindet that; a tamm't kreat quarrel happen't among his neighbours, he dit what he coult to heal the preach, and make t'em all koot frients akain; a tamm't quarrel too nappen't petween his own steward and his tennants at will, and though this same stew-

art had been an olt servant i'the family and a kreat faf'rite, and though he was upheld py the tennants in fee, yet e'kot he turn't him off for the sake of peace and quietness; a young poy too, his name was *Taffey*, his mother's faf'rite, he took kreat telight in, and though his mother diet before he was of age, yet hur protikal took as koot care of his etucafhon, as his mother had done of that of all the rest. E'kot he krew ffery koot fort of man, and the people of *Llangtyddre* like him ffery well while he was koot; but he had kot such a hapit of rampling abroat, that he coult not stay at home if he had been to hafe been made king of the country of *Llangtyddre*.

AND now, my peloffed, a tamm't quarrel about tividing the spoil of a phaterless girl furnish't a koot plea for koing to take her part: And so she woult ko, e'kot, and took young *Taffey* along with him. Hur can't ffery well tell how it happen't, but there was a kreat falling out and a plaguy Scuffle among 'em abroat, and young *Taffey* kot a tamn't kick o'the shins, made him ko lame a kreat while, and my protikal had a lucky escape, or he had had his pones proke--e'kot he had been rightly served, for what pufiness had he there?

WOULD'NT any soper pody have thought that such rough treatment abroat, woult have
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made hur protikal a little more in love with home?—but no, e'kot, quite the refferse—the krew most confoundet cross to the *Llangtyddre's*, and ha't it not peen for their money, the Tefel and *Llangtyddre* might hafe taken a foyage together, and he woul't neffer hafe ask't to what port they were pound.

STIFF as hur protikal was, howeffer, when his money was kone, he was forc't to sneak home for more; he was tamm't hot when his *Welch* plood was up; but the people of *Llangtyddre* care't as little for him, as he did for t'em—that's true, e'kot is it, and tamm't his *far-country-men*, and sait they woul't find t'em in money no longer. T'ere was a hellish stand-further for koot while, but true *Welchman* neffer pears malice; and so when pashon was offer, the quarrel ented in koot frientship.

THE kick o'the shin hat mate young *Taffey* plaguy quarrelsome: And whereffer there was any cuffing or cutchelling he was sure to be at the head of it. At last e'kot a strange pack of putcherly fellows trump't up a trial of skill, and on one site, he was chosen *Phinekar*; the champions soon mount the stage; but the *Phinekar* on the opposite site was a noted prize-fi'ter and ol'ter than *Taffey*, and the champions on his site were always in a posture of tefence, with their weapons trawn, ready to thrust into their

their antakonists cuts ; while the champions on *Taffey's* site were phumpling to get theirs out of the scapports. *Taffey* was high ploom, and neffer was daunted for all that ; but headet his champions manfully, and fought t'em pravelly ; andthoug he came off with the worst, his antakonist might count ploody heads with him upon all occashons--to pe prief with you, *Taffey*, for a young *Phinekar*, pehaved ffery kallantly.

THE prize-fi'ters that opposh't him were all tamm't sick of young bruiser, and so new-phamp't an olt plot in order to get rid of him. An allarm was spreat that the whole parish of *Llangtyddre* was in uproar, and so it was e'kot.---One *Perkin*, a crasy fellow, had put it in an uproar. This poor man had run mad for relishion ; and it run in his heat, that the whole parish of *Llangtyddre* was his, and so he sent his eltest shilt, a kreat poy, to the parishoners to demant his right, *jure tivino*, e'kot,--a crasy errant, but it made a tamm't puffle for all that--Hur protikal was at his peloffed country, a kreat way off ; but flew, like the tefel in a high wint, when he heart the news--E'kot he make great puffle too ; put on his pig hat and long swort, mountet his kreat horse, and look't ffery fferce ; but young *Perkin*, a lively lad, had kot together a tamm't parcel of rugged fellows from the fag end of the parish, with neffer a preech to their

their a-fes, who wantet to make a plunder, and did make a plunder, and a tamm't threatening too, till *Phinekar* was sent for; but when *Phinekar* kot among 'em with his kreat klub, he make teffelish havock; he knock 'em o'the heat like kalfs, kilt a kreat many, kilt t'em a'most all e'kot, and droff young *Perkin* off the premishes in a ffery lousy condishon. E'kot he purn, flay, kill, and confount, one corner of the parish, and then fly to his old post of *Phinekar* again.

HUR protikal was in a kreat pannic at first, and in a kreat pashon too; and was reaty to eat *Phinekar* up when he had clear't the parish of the frightful crew of rakamuffians that come to cut his throat.

YOUNG *Phinekar*, every pody thought, would have made kreat figure among the prize-fi'ters after this encouragement; but 'twas just the same e'kot; the masters on *Taffey's* site always hung an a-se, and neffer care't to mount the stage, and when they dit, they were always sure to pe peaten, and so e'kot they all akreed to kive out, and to kive the champions on the other site, the honour of the tay. Young *Phinekar* was tamm't mad, but coul't help it; and was forc't to lay town his post, and return to *Llangtyddre*.

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HUR protikal was well enough pleased, to have young *Taffey* at home, pecaufe he had koot opinion of the poy, and thought he woul't keep the parish quiet : but he had not peen long at home, and all things appearing peaceable, but hur protikal began to cast a leer-ing eye towarts the *far country*, and to call in his rents, in orte to make up a pigger pag of money than ordinary to spend there in riotous liffing ; ant tho' he was often tolt that the inhapitants of the *far country* were already maderisher than the inhapitants of *Llangtyddre*, and that therefore he shoul't lisse riotously at home, yet he woul't hearken to no such atvice, but stamp and kick his hat ; and when he kick his hat, those that are apout him must stand clear, e'kot must they----So they giffe him his way, and he ko pag and paggage ; which leads me to the second heat propo'sest to pe consiter'd in this preachment :

II. THE usage he meet with in that far country. And e'kot now, what do you think that is ? Why hur will tell you. As soon as certain intelligence is prought t'em of his coming, the people there are all up in arms to meet him, in ffery kreat hopes of each ketting a share in the kreat pag of money.

AND first of all they send cart and two kreat oxen, pecaufe the horses in that country

try are hartly strong enough, to fetch the kreat pag, and when that comes, then there's a *buzza*, and a kreat laugh---e'kot they may well laugh----And when hur protikal come, then they ko pounce, pounce, and douple pounce; then hurry him into alehouse to spend his money; make him great fire, fetch fidler, piper, and wh--re e'kot, and all get about him to rejoice and pe merry. Then they give him koot tram, put him into warm ped and wh--re along with him, and there let him rest till morning.

WHEN morning come, then a kreat mob get together of black-guarts and blue-guarts, with rattles and trums, and marrow-pones and cleaffers, and all strike up together *round about cuckolds come shigg*. Then he crie *pravely tone poys*, and throws 'em a whole hantful of money, and is reaty to crack his fites to see how they squaple in picking of it up. When he has differted himself koot while with this kind of trollery, he chats wi' girl a little, pats her o'the pubbies, and asks her, *how she like nikey?* She smiles and looks smirking, and then he kives her money.

THE next thing he does is to walk abroat to see his olt acquaintance, trinks with one, and trinks with another, kets trunk, pays for all, and then comes home, and peats his lantlady.---And this is the way hur protigal
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spend his substance in riotous living at first
going into the *far country* you have so often
hear't of.

BUT tho' he were to do all this now ; go
from alehouse to alehouse, and from sgin-
shop to sgin-shop, treat one and treat t'other,
keep wh-re, and pay piper ; yet none but
the old parson of *Llangtyddre* woul't mind
that. But, to drain pag after pag, and the
kreat pag at last, they have persuaded him to
build fine house, and make balls, and plays,
and operas, and masquerades, and all sorts of
riotous toings in this same fine house—e'kot
'tis much finer house than the old manor-
house of *Llangtyddre*, and much better fur-
nish'd too—; to keep grand equipage, with
furniture of gold and of silver, and liveries of
rich and costly cloth ; to set up for kreat lord
and make ffery foolish pargain ; to pe ffery son't
of black-guards, blue-guards, ye'low-guards or
any guards, but red-guards ; to be effer shew'd
of red-guards, and to have always other-co-
lour't guards in readiness to cut the red-guards
throats if le'ff or money will procure em ;
to keep conversation with other kreat lords,
and kreat ladies too e'kot, and to pay their
friendship (if he coul't not have it with-out)
so long as there was money enough i'the pag ;
to treat the *Llangtyddres* as a crew of sturty
peggars, e'kot, that want nothing so much
as the rot of correction ; to look upon the
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far-countrymen as best frient that woul't cut throat or do any thing for him but work, (e'kot, they don't lo'ff work) ; and, in prief now, to spend all the kreat pag with them. And this was the advice hur protikal hearken't to, and this is the way he was craftily trawn in to waste his supstance in the *far country*.

And so haffing fine house, fine wh-re, fine speech, gay company, and all his own way, (e'kot he lo'fi his own way much) no olt phater to say, *poy, why you do so ?* he let the money fly, as if it woul't neffer have end ; And while the money last, they nurse him pravelly, and raise his fanity to the highest pianacle of 'orldly pomp ; they provide him with koot horse, fine saddle, fellow to hold stirrup and another to tread upon, e'kot, and so mount him on horse-pack ; then they orter a reffew (O he lo'ffs a reffew) when the *far-countrymen* strut py him one after another as if they were mutes and move't by clockwork, and after they have all kone by they make a pounce, and then another pounce, and a double pounce, and so dispersh ; then they make a kreat feast of roast, and boilt, and grill't, and shugg'd, e'kot, and have wine, and punch and kood tram after tinner, and all at hur protikal's expence, while the poor olt phater makes shift with some koot *Welch* ale ; then they put him to bet, fetch kirl, and leave him till evening, when they get piper,

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fitler, harper, humstrum, and hurdygurdy, and make ball, have kreat company, eat, trink, and tance, all night long, and so go to bet with tay-light : He's jack-pay-for-all, and that's the way the money koes.

WHEN hur protikal is tire't of these diffusions, then they inffent new pastimes : They make hunting-match, and hunt wil't swine, e'kot ; they gather all the idle poaching fellows apout the country, and tress them up in fine kreen coats, with kold lace, poots as black as flows, clean puckskin preeches, with felvet caps and kold toffles, (e'kot he fints the liffery and lo'ffs to see the *far-countrymen* richly dressed) ; and when these are all reaty with their lances in their hants, then they rouse hur protikal, with a tan-twiffey, mount him on horse-pack as pefore, and away to the woots in joffial consort ; then the sport pegins, and what with the music of the horns, the cry of the togs, the krunting of the hocs, and the squealing of the piggs, there is such a tin as the teffel made when he enter'd into the hert of swine ; then they kill hog after hog, and pig after pig till hur protikal is tir't, and then the whole company return to another great feast, as before ; and thus they go on feasting and rioting tay after tay, and week after week, till all his money's kone, and then e'kot he may ko too ; which brings

brings me to the last heat I propos't to treat of in this preachment ; and that was :

THIRDLY and lastly, the cause of his return : *He had wester his substance in riotous liffing, and began to pe in want ;* and well he might, e'kot, to go on as he dit ; but as soon as the heaffey pag began to weigh light, his koot frients the *far-country-men* began to look ffery colt ; no more musick for him, now he had no more money to pay piper ; e'kot, they effen began to wish for the *py'd-piper* to play him back to his own country for fear of being burthensome to the parish ; insteat of feasting him with roast and boil't, they prought him a raw pickle't herring for his tinner ; and instea't of koot tram after it they pring him Sgin, and ask who has kot his kreat pag o' money ? What kreat lort he has made his frient ? Or what kreat laty will now give him pension ? What his lortshipt intendet to do with his kreat house, his or-char't, and his apple-trees ? How dispose of his Furniture, his equipage, and the black-guarts about him ? Wheter he tesign't to sell all together to some kreat Man, and pay off his tradesmen's bills ? Or, wheter his intenshon was to traw upon the parish of *Llangtyddre* for another pag of money to uphold his lortship's tignity, and support his profushon ?

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HUR protikal was sufficiently mortify'd by these and other questions of the same kint, but pore 'em pashently from the *far country-men* ; neffer kik his hat at all : But was determine't to leasse them for effer the first fair wint : He has kot a kreat spirit, and coul't not prooke such taunting from peggers he had made prout and insolent with the money of *Llangtyddre* ; so like the protikal in the parable, when he cast his eyes homewarts and confiter't how much petter the serffants in his phater's house liffed than he, now his substance was wastet in a far country, he sat himself town ffery pensive and ffery melancholy, and write ffery moving letter inteed ; exprefing therein koot teal of sorrow for haffing spent his substance in such riotous ways with an unkrateful people ; desiring to be re ceiv't again into fassour ; and promising neffer to ko rambling and wh-ring again into that tamm't country where he had squander't his money, and peen use't so ill.

AND now, my peloffed, you have hear't py this preachment what a life my protikal hath led ; py all his pranks, his olt phater, you the parishoners of *Llangtyddre*, and himself, have peen the only sufferers ; and I have prought you together to make merry upon this occasion, pecaufe *the lost sheep is fount*, and fount without plemish ; pecaufe
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he has tone nothing to pring him to untimely end; only squander't his money like a spendrift, and prought himself to want.

AND this, my peloffed, is matter of kreat joy to us all, for now he wlll pe humple; he was effer, as you have heart, a little too hot and ffolent, like true *Welchman*; but he is now quite the refferce, milt and shentle, and oblishing to effery pody.

WANT prings effery pody to a right way of thinking; and if her protikal dit not apound, he woul't neffer tream of koing to a far country to squander: Let him liff at home, keep koot house, pay his olt tepts, and e'kot he'll fint ways enough for his money; and if he toes this, and is koot to his tennants, and liffs as the 'squire of a parish shoul't liff, kives what he has to spare to the poor of his own neighpourhoot; then let all the people of *Llangtyddre* sing *Joy to kreat Cæsar*, and the olt *parson* will join in the chorus: But if effer he koes to that far country again, with another kreat pag of money, may the Tefel and the *piper* of *Hamel*en play him into the *Red-Sea*, there to remain for effer and effer. *Amen.*

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